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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
WILLIAM M. SNELGROVE, ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/787,759) : Group Art Unit: NYA
Filed: March 22, 2001) : Confirmation No.: 7541
For: TELECOMMUNICATION) :
SERVICES) :
December 10, 2002)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to restore the above-identified abandoned application to pending status on the ground that Applicants never received the PTO Notice of Missing Requirements purportedly mailed April 17, 2001.

FACTS

1. Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Abandonment, mailed November 19, 2002 (copy enclosed),

indicating that the subject application was abandoned by Applicants' failure to respond to a PTO Notice of Missing Requirements purportedly mailed April 17, 2001.

2. Applicants never received the PTO Notice of Missing Requirements purportedly mailed April 17, 2001, as attested to by the accompanying Declaration of Richard P. Bauer Under 1156 O.G. 53.

RELIEF REQUESTED

The Commissioner is respectfully requested to restore the above-identified abandoned application to pending status since Applicants never received the PTO Notice of Missing Requirements purportedly mailed April 17, 2001. It is respectfully requested that the application be forwarded to the appropriate examining group.

FEE

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for any petition fee which may be due. However, since it is believed that the holding of abandonment is the result of circumstances not attributable to any fault of Applicants or their representatives, it is respectfully suggested that no fee is due.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached
in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-
3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Bauer", written over a horizontal line.

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